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Toronto, Jan. 18—11 p.m.—An important high area covers Canada from the lake region eastward and also the Atlantic States, while in Texas there is a developing center which will probably move to the lake region and St. Lawrence valley by Thursday. The weather continues unseasonably mild in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 40-46; Kamloops, 20-26; Calgary, 14-24; Edmonton, 16-20; Qu'Appelle, 8-20; Winnipeg, 4-23; Port Arthur, 4 below-26; Parry Sound, 22-24; Toronto, 16-24; Ottawa, 6 below-23; Montreal, 20-24; Quebec, 6 below-12; Chatham, 22 below-14; Halifax, 4 below-24.

Probabilities: Lower lakes—Easterly winds, fair and comparatively mild. Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 21 and 7.5 above.

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## News About Town

—Mr. Robert Reid, collector of customs, is out again, strong and hearty.  
—Miss Hobbs, of London, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hobbs, Tilsonburg.

—Rev. Richard Hobbs has rebuked the members of the Askin Street Epworth League for attending a skating rink.

—The Dundas Center Methodist Church Epworth League has passed a resolution favoring the earlier closing of east end stores, Saturdays excepted.

—Mr. John Dromgole, of W. J. Reid & Co., who was injured in the city hall accident, is able to be out. Dromgole was sitting on the platform next to the late L. W. Burke, and fell on the body of the late John Burdette, the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas.

—Mr. Samuel Stewart, who was appointed attorney for the children of the late R. S. Leigh, has received from the supreme court, I. O. F., checks to the amount of \$1,050, being \$1,000 insurance carried by him in the Foresters, and \$50 as funeral expenses. The checks came made payable as follows: Two for \$500 each to Frederick Harold Leigh and Florence Annie Leigh, and two for \$25, payable the same way.

**IN GAY NEW YORK.**  
"In Gay New York," produced at the Grand last night, proved a bright and breezy production—a bunch of exhilarating nonsense, cleverly contrived and executed. It was more stage froth without rhyme or reason, and defying the best traditions of the stage, but it was very diverting and fulfilled its only purpose to amuse. The company was large and competent, and the stage properties were various, excellent and admirably managed. Among the best principals was Miss Josephine Stanton, who will be remembered as the prima donna of the California Opera Company, which was nearly stranded here. Miss Stanton has greatly advanced in her profession since then.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

**Entertainment of the Sunday School—Programme and Refreshments.**

The annual entertainment of the First Congregational Sunday school was held last night, and drew a large audience. Mr. Alex. Richards filled the chair and introduced the following programme: Recitation, Clara Metcalf; duet, Nellie Moule and Stella Cunningham; recitation, Edith Johnson; instrumental, Ernest Moule; chorus, by the infant class; recitation, Ella Walters; recitation, Elmer Armour; solo, Cussie Graham; recitation, Miss Ella Armour; vocal selection, three little girls; selection, "Ten Little Grasshoppers," ten boys; recitation, "The Volunteer Organist," Blanche Richmond; song, "Won't You Come to My Tea Party," Katie Wiley; drill, by the classes of Miss Moule and Miss Jean Porteous; recitation, George Sturgeon; duet, Jessie Harwood and Annie Bowman; character sketch, Will Johnston; duet, Nellie Moule and Stella Cunningham; chorus, Miss Wrighton's class; recitation, Fred Chapman. Refreshments were served.

The officers elected for the year were as follows: Superintendent, A. J. Richards; assistant superintendent, H. B. Chapman; secretary-treasurer, H. J. Emery; organist, Mabel E. Pink; librarians, A. Bock, J. Johnston and A. Harwood. The improvement which has been manifested in this church of late is being also plainly felt in the Sunday school, the attendance last Sunday being the best for over a year. Could this church but rid itself of its heavy mortgage debt, it would take rank among the most powerful and prosperous churches of the city. Every department is in a healthy and harmonious condition.

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## Did Not Call a Pastor.

**St. James' Presbyterian Pulpit Still Remains Vacant.**

**The Annual Statement Showing Finances in Poor Shape.**

**Will Consider the Call of a Pastor—The Suggestion to Go North and Reorganize Meets With Disfavor—Will Stick to the Old Site—Reports of the Several Societies.**

The annual general meeting of St. James' Presbyterian Church was held in the school room last evening. There was a large attendance of members and adherents, but only a few took any part in the discussion. Rev. J. G. Stewart, moderator of the London Presbyterian, occupied the chair, and Mr. Neil McNeill acted as secretary.

The meeting opened with the reading of the several church societies were read. Many of them expressed regret that Rev. F. P. Talling and Mrs. J. M. Stewart had removed to Toronto, and wished them success in their new home. The report of the session showed the total membership to be 210, of whom 143 had joined during the year—2 by certificate and 11 by profession of faith. Two had removed from the city. The number of baptisms was 15. Rev. D. C. Johnston, 1st, reported on the session board, another member having been found necessary. The board decided to place on record its sincere regret at the loss of their late pastor, Rev. M. P. Talling, and extended thanks to Rev. J. G. Stewart, their interim moderator, for his efforts, and the manner in which he had supplied the pulpit. There was a balance of \$27.85 on hand from the year 1917, and this was left in the hands of the treasurer to apportion.

The mission fund finances showed a balance of \$6.02, for a membership of 20.

The W. F. M. S. report was submitted by Mrs. H. Omond. The society regretted the removal of its president, Mrs. M. P. Talling, to another field of labor, but rejoiced that the society was still in the front. The membership was 11, and the year 1917, and expenses, \$4.14, leaving a balance of \$27.20.

The Young Men's Society report, by Miss Maggie Scott, showed a decrease in membership, caused by the removal of so many young people from the city. The receipts were \$28.28 and expenses \$24.95, leaving a balance of \$13.33 on hand.

The Ladies' Auxiliary report showed no increase in membership, and interest was on the wane. The receipts had been \$24.31, and expenditure \$22.98, leaving a balance of \$11.33. Good balances were still in the hands of the treasurers of the Sunday school and the choir.

The treasurer's statement showed the balance on hand from 1916 as \$42.47, and total receipts of \$2,938.99. Of this, \$1,190.94 was Sabbath collections, \$1,000 from Mr. Thomas Kent, and \$234.80 from the ladies aid. The disbursements for the year were \$2,916.90, leaving a balance of \$22.03 on hand. Of this amount \$150 was paid to Rev. M. P. Talling; pulpit supply expenses, \$122.25; Huron and Erie Savings Company, \$1,246.17; organ, on account, \$125. Assets and liabilities were:

**ASSETS.**  
Cash on hand.....\$ 22.03  
Mortgage property, assessed at.....3,000.00  
Church property, valued at.....11,000.00  
Total.....\$14,022.03

**LIABILITIES.**  
Mortgage, Huron and Erie Loan Company.....\$6,663.00  
Furnishings, etc.....43.14  
George McNeill, fuel.....221.00  
Organ debt.....250.00  
J. Dambra, note.....153.04  
A. E. Cooper, note.....126.00  
J. H. McCurdy, note.....102.80  
Taxes, balance, 1896-97.....226.69  
Total.....\$7,681.22

The report of the subscription clerk was read and adopted as follows: Collection for quarter ending March 31, 1917—Weekly collections, \$38.23; total, \$153.84; plate collections, \$38.23; total, \$192.07. For the quarter ending June 30 the weekly subscriptions decreased as follows: Per envelope, \$240.80; plate collections, \$41.19; total, \$281.99. A small increase occurred in the third quarter, ending Sept. 30, as follows: Weekly envelope subscriptions, \$231.90;

plate collections, \$54.22; total, \$286.12. The final quarter, ending Dec. 30, shows collections by envelope to have been \$185.80, and plate collections \$48.81, making a total of \$234.61, and a grand total of \$1,190.99. The total weekly envelope subscription amounted to \$234.61, and the total plate collection to \$185.81. The average weekly contributions per envelope were \$13.89 and per plate \$2.88, making a total average collection per Sunday of \$22.33. The number of families subscribing by envelope was 50, and 64 otherwise. The average collection per Sunday per family was \$15.27.

In 1896 the total collections were \$1,326, as against \$1,190 last year, a decrease of \$136. The total weekly subscriptions per envelope were \$1,128.49 in 1896, and \$977.48 in 1897, a decrease of \$151. The total plate collections in 1896 were \$198.44, as against \$133.51 last year, a deficit of \$64.93. The total average collection per Sunday in 1896 was \$25.50, as against \$22.33 in 1897, a decrease of \$3.17 per Sunday.

**WILL CALL A PASTOR?**  
The question of filling the pulpit was then taken up. Mr. James Campbell asked if the financial standing of the church would permit of a pastor being called.

Mr. T. A. Rowat said that he regretted to say that taking away the \$1,000 which Mr. Kent had donated, the position of the church was not so good as last year. In fact, some \$300 behind.

Rev. Mr. Stewart stated that when he became moderator of the presbytery the mortgage debt was \$7,500, with a floating debt of \$1,200, a total of \$8,700. He as interim moderator would like to know just what policy the congregation intended to pursue, as it was not always best to wait. They should have a definite policy and then stand firm.

Mr. Campbell said he understood that a young unmarried man was what the church wanted, but the meeting had all been married men of experience.

Mr. Neil McNeill, speaking of the matter, said he was one of three chosen to provide the supply, and was pitted against two ministers. They had thought it best to have an experienced man. The calling of a minister was a most important step. If he were a success he might manage to pull the church out of its present difficulties, but if not he was the last minister St. James' Church would ever call. Calling a minister was easy, but it was a difficult matter to pay him. It was a difficult matter to deal with. They should ask themselves whether it was wise to call a minister at all or not, and if so, was the call going to be successful. It struck him forcibly that St. James' would have a center field in the north, and he believed that in the near future another congregation would be established.

"Why should it not be St. James?" he asked. He said it seemed queer to him how people still stood to the old ground as a matter of sentiment in the face of judgment.

The names of Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Napan, and Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Guelph, were suggested, and he asked that these gentlemen be requested to preach again.

Mr. Rowat thought this was tantamount to a call. He doubted if the presbytery would sanction the call if made, as the books did not guarantee any salary. Going back \$200 or \$300 per year was not encouraging. He thought another move and reorganization better. He regretted that a good opportunity had been thrown away when they refused to go to the Congregational Church. They had everything in their favor. The people would have become Presbyterians, given the building, and called the church St. James'.

Rev. Mr. McCurdy, sen., said a good man could pull the church together again. The congregation could go over to the Congregationalists any time. He proposed a move to the north end, and advocated the call of another minister. If he failed, the church would go down and the people could go where they liked.

Mr. McNeill said the books only guaranteed \$1,754, and \$1,907 would have to be raised independent of the mortgage debt. He doubted if they could do it.

A committee consisting of church members, will visit the members individually to try to raise sufficient money to guarantee a call. In the meantime a new supply will be obtained.

Mr. William Duff was tendered a hearty vote of thanks on presenting his resignation as a trustee. Illness compelled the resignation. Mr. H. M. Douglass was appointed in his place.

The board of managers was elected as follows: Messrs. W. Brown, H. M. Douglass, Robert Mowat and W. Wetterspoon.

The officers elected were: John Flowers, S. Webster, N. B. Geo. Bolton, H. T. Brown, T. H. McCurdy and W. Wetterspoon.

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